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**3D2, FIJI.** Lee, **3D2VA** (ex-VP2VE), is active on all bands, SSB/CW. However, Lee is on most mornings on 20 meters between 1100z and 1300z around 14165 and 14226.5 kHz. He was also heard last Friday on 24935 kHz around 2315z. QSL via WA2NHA.

**8J, ANTARCTICA.** Several bulletins state that the Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition station **8J1RL** at **Showa Base, Ongul Island (AN-015)** is now active. They report that the station has been heard on 21228 kHz at 0900-1000z.

**9K, KUWAIT.** You only have a few days left to work Bob, **9K2ZZ**, because he is leaving Kuwait on **November 14th**. He has been very active these past few days on 40 and 10 meters. His QSL Manager Ray, W8CNL, states that as of November 5th, Bob has made 162,498 QSOs. Look for Bob to be active on 160-10 meters including all 3 WARC bands on SSB, CW, and RTTY.

**A5, BHUTAN (HIDXA trip postponed).** Your editor received a letter from Jim Smith, VK9NS, who was planning to go to Bhutan during the last week of October or the first week of November, but the following was reported by Jim: ".... I have reluctantly decided to **postpone** my planned travel for the time being for several reasons. We have had major problems on Norfolk in the last two weeks involving air travel to and from the island. The mail situation has been terrible to put it mildly. This has been partly due to an extended period of very poor weather conditions. In one 36 hour period alone the island had between 12 and 14 inches of rain (depending on location) with high winds and great deal of disruptions to power and island facilities. All the antennas survived but one tower was almost lost but saved by its safety guying system. We are used to these storms from time to time and there is still much to be done here. There will be some disappointment at this decision however as you are aware this planned visit to MOC was not intended to be a DXpedition (see HIDXA Release) but rather a means of getting things organized for the near future. Many of the donations received were linked to a

DXpedition type activity. There is a great deal to be done in Thimphu so that a viable station system is in place and ready to go. It is some years now since HIDXA donated a considerable amount of amateur radio equipment (some 10000 USD) to the Wireless Division (now M.O.C.) as a means of assisting Bhutan make a start. It has been a long and difficult road for MOC (and HIDXA) trying to get the necessary Telecommunications Legislation in place to permit the hobby of Amateur Radio and other Telecomm, related matters. Bhutan has been a long time project of HIDXA as you know..... We will return to Bhutan as soon as it is practical to do so and when I can travel to Bangkok more easily. Will be back in touch with you. Warm regards and Tashi Dalek! (may your journey be a safe one)....." 73, Your in Amateur Radio, Jim VK9NS, HIDXA

**BQ9P, PRATAS.** Remember to look for activity this week (refer to OPDX.381). The operation will take place between **November 12-19th**. The callsign will be **BQ9P** and not **BV9P** as used in the past.

**CORRECTIONS TO OPDX.381.** There were two minor typos in last week's bulletin. Under "3W, Vietnam", Coly's (UA0FM) Vietnam callsign should have been **3W5FM**, not 3W5FW. Also, under the "Thanks to" credits the callsign US0SJ should have been **UA0SJ**.

**C6, BAHAMAS.** Dick, N4RP, plans to be active as **C6A/N4RP** from **Bimini (IOTA NA-48)** between **November 20th and December 2nd**. This includes a low-power all-band entry in the **CQWW CW Contest**. Outside of the contest, Dick will be active on all bands including the WARC bands. Activity will be mostly CW. QSL C6A/N4RP either direct to Dick's home QTH (2805 Casita Way, Apartment 115, Delray Beach, FL, 33415) or via the W4 bureau.

**E3, ERITREA.** The "Space A DX Group" is on the air now as **E30GA**. The group had a two day delay in operations due to their equipment being held up in customs for two days. Currently they have three stations up and active. According to "The Daily DX", authorization was granted to the group for **30 meters** on a 2nd class basis. This means they can not interfere with other non amateur transmissions. Also reported, the group will mostly be using the E30GA callsign, even though the operators have received their own personal callsign (Joe/E30GA, Vance/E30FA, Bruce/E30JA, Franz/E30BA and Elvira/E30IA). QSL cards for E30GA go to K4JDJ, all other callsigns go via their home calls.

**FT5Z, AMSTERDAM.** The team of F5PFP and F5SIH (the two FT5ZH operators) are on Reunion Island **until November 10th**. They will leave on the ship "Marion Dufresne" for the long trip to **FT5W**, **FT5X** and **FT5Z**. They plan to arrive on **Amsterdam November 24th**. Operation start-up is scheduled for **November 27th**.

**J6, ST.LUCIA.** The SouthWest Ohio DX Association is again organizing an operation from here for the **CQWWDX CW Contest**. Their station **J6DX** will be active as a Multi-operator, Multi-transmitter entry in the contest. A total of seventeen operators will install and operate the "Field Day" type station this year. The team will begin arriving on the island on **November 22nd**. The first on-the-air activity will probably take place the next day. Operations will **wrap up on December 6**. Look for SSB, CW and RTTY activity on all bands. The group will also have a KW and 5-over-5 yagis on 6 meters. Nine veteran members will host eight rookie operators. The veterans of past J6DX adventures are: Dean, AC0S/**J68AH**; Jack, K9JE/**J68AR**; Steve, N8BJQ/**J68AI**; Bob, N8NR/**J68NR**; Steve, N8SM/**J68AG**; Scott N9AG/**J68AS**; Ron, W8ILC/**J68AM**; Frank, W8OK/**J68OK**; and Kirk, W8QID/**J68ID**. QSL

cards for these ops go to their home calls. Newcomers are: Don, K8NOZ; Lou, K9LU; Gary, K9MMS; Gary, KI6T; George, N2GA; Don, N6JRL; Leo, S50R; and Geoff, W0CG. QSL arrangements will be announced for these operators. The group will be active in the ARRL 160 Meter contest working all who call. The call used will be J6DX or J6A. All QSLs for J6DX or J6A should be sent to N9AG. E-mail requests for bureau replies will be honored. A special effort will be made to activate all operators on the U.S. Thanksgiving holiday, **November 27th**. Activity will take place in the U.S. Novice band, 28.1 MHz to 28.2 MHz CW and 28.3 MHz to 28.5 MHz SSB. A special souvenir of St. Lucia will be sent to the station making the most contacts with St. Lucian stations. Contacts count only once per mode. Ties will be broken by lot. Anyone contacting five or more J6 stations will receive a certificate. Send a large SASE to N9AG for the certificate, please.

**JD, OGASAWARA**. Look for Den, JI1FLB, to become active between **December 30th and January 2nd**. His callsign was not provided, but his activity will be on all bands (including 6 meters) with some satellite operations.

**JI, AWAJI ISLAND (JAPAN)**. Takeshi, JI3DST, who was active this past weekend from here, will again be active **November 14-16th** during the "**1998 Japan International DX Phone Contest**". Activity will be mainly 15 and 10 meters. This island is located in the Honshu's coastal island group and has the IOTA of **AS-117**. Details on the contest will be provided to all OPDX InterNet Subscribers as an additional bulletin.

**PJ, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES**. The "DX News Sheet" reports that Joeke, PA0VDV, will be active once again from here between **November 29th and December 28th**, probably as **PJ9/PA0VDV**. Activity will be from **Curacao** with operations mostly on CW. QSL via home callsign.

**PY0S, ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL ROCKS**. Karl, PS7KM, reports that the NATAL DX Group of Brazil continues preparations for their "**March 1999**" DXpedition. The followings operators will participate in this operation: JA4MRL, PT7AA, PS7KM and WX5L. The QSL information is as follows: CW contacts go via PT7AA and for SSB/RTTY go to PS7KM, via callbook. The team plans to operate 160-6 meters for 12 days or for two full consecutive weekends. Priority will be given to the bands on 6/40/80/160 meters and RTTY. They mention the possibility that this will be one of the last DXpedition, to these rocks due to the increasing control of the area by the Brazilian Navy and Dept. of the Environment. There are already four researchers from those departments on the rocks on a permanent basis. The DXpedition projected budget has been set for 11,000 (USD) and that 70% of that amount will be allocated for the leasing of a sailboat, which will be anchored nearby for the entire duration of the operation. Therefore, they are requesting financial support from the ham radio community, clubs and DX foundations which would help make the difficult access to these rocks possible. If you would like to help, please, send your contributions/donations to: PS7KM or WX5L or JA4MRL, via callbook.

## **QSL INFO AND NEWS**

- The **W5RRR** station at the **Johnson Space Center** will be issuing a **STS-95 commemorative QSL card** for those who made a contact during this operation. The operator stated to use the following address: NASA/Johnson Space Center, via Amateur Radio Club, Houston, Texas 77058

- The Jacky's **E31AA** and **J28AG** logs are now on-line at:  
[http://www.qsl.net/n6ed/f2cw\\_search.html](http://www.qsl.net/n6ed/f2cw_search.html)
- **EP3HR** QSLs. Mario, I2MQP, reports that he has the logs for January 1st through February 6th and May 8th and June 7th (in 1998). He also reports that all cards have been answered for this period.
- **MORE ON YA1R**. OPDX received a report that the YA1R station, which was active a few weeks ago on 15 meters CW, the operator stated to QSL via RW3LO. This is also listed as the route by RW1QM on the WEB page:  
<http://www.ampr.spb.ru/search/index.html>
- Log searches can be found for **FG5BG** (1998 CQWW SSB Contest), **FG/N6RT**, **FG/N6ED**, **FG/K6RO**, and **FG/W6KK** logs at: <http://www.qsl.net/n6ed/fgsearch.html>  
Please note that K6RO can only handle FG5BG QSLs for the 1998 CQWW SSB Contest operation. All others must go direct to Georges FG5BG. Don't forget to look at N6ED's great index of log search pages at: <http://www.geocities.com/SouthBeach/Palms/8651/>

**SPECIAL EVENT STATION.** Look for **SN0SUL** to be on the air **until November 15th**. This special callsign is for celebrating the **80th Anniversary of Regaining Independence by Poland**. The station QTH is **Sulejowek** (20 km east from Warsaw) the place where Joseph Pilsudski lived. This Polish national hero was a Great Marshall and Leader-in-Chief. Look for SN0SUL to be on all bands (CW, SSB, RTTY, SSTV). QSL is preferably via the bureau via SP5ZCC.

**SPECIAL EVENT STATION.** On November 11th. 1998, Ham Radio of the "Radio-Club des Fagnes" (Nothern France) will activate a special event station from the **FORT DE LEVEAU** located in **Feignies** nearby Maubeuge in order to commemorate the **80th anniversary of the end of World War I**. The special callsign used will be **TM1WW** (1WW for 1st World War). The timetable of the activities is planned as follows :

- 0001 - 0800 TU - 1835 kHz and 3536 kHz in CW.
- 0800 - 1300 TU - 7025 kHz in CW.
- 1300 - 1700 TU - 40/20/10m in CW and SSB on request.

A special QSL card will be issued for the Event. QSL information: either via bureau or direct (SASE for France, SAE + 1 IRC for DX) is to be sent to Daniel LIBERT F5SPW, 33 rue Honore Lespilette, F-59330 Neufmesnil, FRANCE.

**SPECIAL EVENT STATION.** Also, look for **TM8OA** to be active to commemorate the **80th anniversary of the Armistice** (November 11, 1918, end of WWI). The station TM8OA will be active **up to November 15th**, on all bands and modes. QSL via F6KVD.

**T8, BELAU.** Dave/KJ9I, Rudolph/NF9V and John/NZ9Z will be active from **December 8-17th**, as **T88II**. Their activity will be 160-10 meters, including the WARC bands. Their top priority will be activity on 160 meters. QSL via KJ9I.

**TL, CENTRAL AFRICA.** Alex, PA3DMH, reports that Alex, **TL5A**, will be paying special attention to Topband again. Alex listens for JA stations at 2100z on 1833 kHz (QSX 1912 kHz). Also, after Japan's sunrise he will listen for Europe. Both North and South America, along with Europe should listen around 0300-0430z on 1833 kHz. Alex, PA3DMH, reports that direct

QSLs for the TL5A backlog are gone. Cards received are in and out and it takes approx. 2 weeks depending on his job workload. Bureau cards are on their way from the printer, and Alex is hopeful that he will issue the first bureau requests this month. Because of the extent of the TL5A operation, Alex has decided to get a TL5A Website up and running. Although the site is still "under construction" the page is available at: <http://www.igr.nl/users/pa3dmh/tl5a.html>

**VP8, SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS.** The "DX News Letter" reports that Stan, SP3BGD/HF0POL, will leave **South Shetland** in **early December**. They also mention that in 1999 there will be "NO radio amateur on this base". QSL via bureau to SP3SUN or direct: Piotr Miranski, ul. Rydza Smiglego 27/5, 65-610 Zielona Gora, Poland.

**WP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS.** "The 59(9) DXReport" states that Dave, WD5N, will be a Single Op/All Band entry in the upcoming **CQWW CW Contest** from **WP2Z**. QSL via KU9C.

**ZL9, KERMADEC.** From a press release dated November 5th, the New Zealand Kermadec DX Association team met with the New Zealand Department of Conservation officials on October 31st in Wellington to finalize details for the **ZL9CI Dxpedition**. The meeting was cordial and defined what is permissible on Campbell Island in terms of protection for the wildlife flora and fauna. The Conservation Department was extremely helpful and has allowed the team to add an additional team member to the group. The team's additional member is Murray, ZL1CN who is a very capable operator and New Zealander with contest experience as a member of the ZM2K Kiwi Contest team. The complete press release will be sent out to all OPDX InterNet Subscribers as an additional bulletin.

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